



On Campus

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President's Lecture Series begins Wednesday, October 6

For the second year in a row, a fall President's Lecture Series will bring distinguished speakers to campus on a wide range of topics. Among the subjects to be addressed will be Native Americans, women in education and a historical perspective on U. S. policy toward Haiti.

All lectures will begin at 12 noon in the Sloan Theater, and a question-and-answer period will follow. There is no admission. The President's Lecture Series is sponsored by the Greenfield Community College Foundation.

Wednesday, October 6

Ron Welburn, associate professor of English at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, will speak on "Native Americans in the Northeast". Welburn has been active teaching Native American studies at UMass, and recently completed a jazz oral history project funded by the National Endowment for the Arts.

Wednesday, October 20

Robert B. Hallock, who chairs the department of physics and astronomy at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, will speak on "The Remarkable World Near the Absolute Zero Temperature".

Wednesday, October 27

Margaret R. Williams, president of Lyndon State College in Lyndonville, VT, will speak on "The State of Women in the Academy". She is chair of the American Council of Education's Commission on the Status of Women.

Wednesday, November 3

Mary Renda, a visiting assistant professor of history and women's studies at Amherst College, will explore the shape of American action in Haiti using the "sometimes vivid diaries and memoirs" of U. S. marines who served in that country between 1915 and 1934.

Imagine your own newsletter...

On Campus is the monthly employee newsletter of Greenfield Community College. It is produced by the Office of Public Relations and distributed free to all full- and part-time faculty and staff.

Send your written news items or story ideas to Jodi Dwyer or Russell Powell. Anything is relevant: a poem, a policy, new appointments, promotions, awards, grants, published work, weddings, births, notices of events, letters, essays, classifieds, community service—you name it. This is your newsletter. We're limited by space and resources, but don't let that limit your imagination.

On Campus will be issued by the 15th of each month. Deadline is the first Monday of each month (October 4 for the October issue).

Fall library hours

Fall library hours are as follows:

Tuesday, September 7-Friday, December 31

Monday through Thursday: 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Fridays: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturdays: 12 noon to 6 p.m.

Sundays (beginning November 7): 12 noon to 6 p.m.

Exceptions

Monday, November 21: 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Tuesday, November 22: 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Wednesday, November 24: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Wednesday, December 22: 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Thursday, December 23: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Closed

Monday, October 11 (Columbus Day)

Monday, November 11 (Veterans Day)

Thursday, November 25 to Saturday, November 27 (Thanksgiving)

Friday, December 24 (Christmas)

Friday, December 31 (New Year's)

Hours are subject to change; all changes will be posted in the library.

What's New

Director of Financial Aid **Jane Abbott** attended the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators in San Diego in July. This was the largest gathering of aid administrators ever—about 2,000—from all over the world. It was not all work, Jane reports: “We had our final dinner meeting at the San Diego Zoo!”

Although he’s already been spotted lurking around the fitness center, **Jeff Coulson** does not officially become half-time coordinator of wellness, fitness and athletics until October 1. But he’s already got lots of ideas about what he’ll do in the job.

For one thing, Jeff would like to see the fitness center open whenever the college is, especially for those employees and students who don’t arrive on campus until mid-afternoon. He’s hoping to draw upon students in the recreation and leisure services program to help staff the center. “It seems like a natural,” he says. “They’re fully qualified, and many are looking for internships and other opportunities for experience.” The fitness center schedule will remain fluid for the next few weeks, but Jeff hopes to have it fully staffed with regular hours by mid-October “at the latest”.

He hopes to expand the wellness program with activities initiated by faculty, students and staff. While he mentions activities like intramural sports and cross-country skiing, he says that “there’s no point in having me design programs that don’t reflect people’s interests.” Already, he has been approached by students interested in seeing organized soccer and volleyball games. The college will continue to offer men’s baseball and women’s softball as intercollegiate sports in the spring.

Jeff is available for the new job because the grant funding Project ADAPT, which he currently coordinates, expires at the end of September.

In addition to coordinating wellness, fitness and athletics, he is also administering a grant from the Fund for the Improvement of Post Secondary Education (FIPSE), and teaching several courses.

Prior to GCC, Jeff worked in both the public and private sectors in elementary and secondary schools in Amherst, Erving, Greenfield, Buckland-Shelburne, Freeport, ME, and the Academy at Charlemont. He earned his bachelor’s degree from Ohio Wesleyan University and his master’s degree at Antioch New England. He has extensive experience working with older adolescent groups, and co-started the Franklin County Lacrosse Program in the spring of 1992.

Kate Finnegan, associate professor of early childhood education, **Mary Ellen Kelly**, coordinating of writing assistance programs, **Phyllis Nahman**, professor of English, and **Anne Wiley**, professor of psychology, will lead a workshop at a conference, “Reconciling Gender Issues in Higher Education,” in Burlington, VT, October 5. Their workshop, titled “Awareness and Action: An Assignment in Exploring Diversity and Identity,” will explore “the intersection of layered identities and diversity”. Issues such as developing a voice in higher education, transforming the curriculum and creating supportive environments for learning and knowing will also be addressed. The workshop will draw on the experiences of Kate, Mary Ellen, Phyllis and Anne in several courses (English Composition I, Survey of Children’s Literature and Psychology of Women) for which they designed a required diversity assignment. The conference is sponsored by the University of Vermont and the National Association for Women in Education.

Congratulations to nursing professor **Arlene Laflamme**, who was

married on June 19. Her new name is **Arlene Laflamme Paton**.

Alumni trustee **Cynthia Lively** has been elected as an international director of the Northeast District of the International Board of Directors of Professional Secretaries International. The election outcome was announced July 27 at the association’s international convention in Calgary, Alberta. Cynthia is a member of the PSI chapter in Springfield. She serves as vice-chair of GCC’s board of trustees and chairs its personnel committee. She is also on the business division’s advisory council, and is an active member of the alumni association. She is a member of the executive board of the Massachusetts Association of Community Colleges.

Assistant Director of Financial Aid **Susan Olmstead** attended the College Scholarship Service (CSS) Financial Aid Institute in August. The training program provided an opportunity to meet other financial aid administrators and to receive one week of intensive up-to-date training.

Lisa M. Rosewarne, daughter of **Francis** and Director of Auxiliary Services **Betty Rosewarne**, was married to **Scott D. Perron** July 3. Lisa, who attended GCC, is assistant property manager at D. H. Jones Real Estate in Amherst.

Lillian Ruiz-Powell, the new full-time English professor, is still recovering from the shock of a September frost, but otherwise is happy to be at GCC. She spent the past five years in California, earning her master’s degree in English and doing post-graduate work in education at UCLA, and then teaching at MiraCosta Community College in Oceanside and Palomar Community College in San Marcos. The early frost comes as no great surprise, though, since Lillian is originally from New York City and

earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Rochester. A lover of horror fiction, her favorite authors are Shakespeare and Stephen King. She's living in Greenfield and has decided it would be a good idea to take up cross-country skiing this winter. If you'd like to say hello, Lillian's in office S209, extension 302.

Director of Student Life **Merryl Sackin** will facilitate a values clarification workshop at the Massachusetts Community Colleges' Annual Fall Conference for deans of students, directors of student life and student leaders. The GCC student senate will also attend the conference, to be held in Framingham on Thursday, October 14, and Friday, October 15.

Scott Schmith, a GCC graduate who as a student was extremely active in Student Life, has been hired by the college to assist in various areas of Student Life, including the student senate, major activities, student club coordination, trips, identification card production, campus tours and promotion of special projects. Scott was both vice-president and president of the student senate as a student. He will be pursuing his bachelor's degree in the spring through the University Without Walls program at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Scott's extension is 266.

Jean Simmons, acting director of the nursing program, reports that a letter sent to Hillary Rodham Clinton by last spring's Nursing 202 clinical group was answered by President Clinton in July. The student letter, signed by **Kathleen Barlow, Shayne Beede, Deborah Chaplin, Michael Chevalier, David Jurkowski, Marcia Shaw, Andree Steele, Robert Stensen, Michael Sullivan** and **Ella Washington**, urges Hillary Clinton to consider their concerns in her role as chair of the National Task Force on Health Care Reform. "Through our clinical experience we have seen the living

proof that our present health care system is ill and has outgrown its usefulness," the students wrote. "It is glaringly obvious that we are practicing medicine and nursing to people who are acutely ill as a result of reduced accessibility to health care providers. This is directly related to the astronomical cost of health care as we know it today." The students recommend a greater use of nurses "in the national schema of health care reform," because "by the very nature of their nursing education, nurses are prepared to facilitate wellness, health promotion and illness prevention." The letter goes on to describe examples of waste in the present health care system which, the students say, "cannot be tolerated."

President Clinton thanked the students in his response, writing, "My administration is committed to bringing costs under control and offering quality coverage to every American. I appreciate your input in that effort."

Judi Singley, part-time faculty member for recreation and leisure services, has a new job, a new office and a new phone. As coordinator of the new emerging careers program, she is in office N205, extension 345.

President **Kay Sloan** received a letter of commendation for Transfer Coordinator **Rob Yacubian** from **Catherine Pride**, president of the New England Transfer Association, for Rob's work as a member of NETA's executive board. "Rob has brought strong leadership skills and organizational abilities and a high degree of selflessness" to the board, Pride wrote. Service on the board is voluntary, the letter said, and Rob "has devoted innumerable hours" on its behalf, including helping to coordinate the association's annual three-day conference. Pride also praised Rob for assuming major responsibility for coordinating membership recruitment and revision of the *Directory of New England College and University Transfer Personnel*.

New part-time faculty, and how to reach them

New part-time faculty for the fall semester, and their extensions, are:

Russell Adams, data processing, x323.

Joann Albright, nursing, x317.

Sharon Arslanian, dance, x304.

Stephan Clancy, biology, x323.

Nancy Craig-Williams, nursing, x317.

Diane DePuydt, human ecology, x348.

Joseph DiCenso, human development, x348.

Joan Douthett, cooperative education, x291.

Edward Evans, engineering, x323.

Janet Gross, English as a Second Language, x304.

Thomas Hemmings, human ecology, x348.

Linda Hurley, nursing, x317.

Justin Kimball, art, x311.

David Lemere, mathematics, x323.

Bruce Lindwall, biology, x323.

Yvette Mattern, art, x357.

Marilyn Middleton, dance, x304.

James Pasquill, office administration, x323.

Kent Phillips, biology, x249.

David Pueschel, mathematics, x323.

Victoria Pursley, nursing, x317.

Helen Shea-Murphy, nursing, x317.

Janet Sutton, psychology, x291.

Paul Swem, data processing and mathematics, x323.

Janet Walzer, office administration, x323.

From eyesore to asset, thanks to the student senate

With a huge assist from the student senate, the duck pond area is being transformed from an eyesore to an asset. Last spring the senate voted to appropriate \$4,000 to purchase wooden fencing for the area between the pond and the campus drive and for picnic tables along the pond's back side, and both fencing and tables are now in place.

Despite these efforts to beautify the area, the pond has been in serious need of dredging for some years, and this June nature complied. "It was so dry you could drive a truck across it," says Maintenance Foreman **John Markwell**. The dry conditions allowed the dredging to take place, increasing the depth of the pond from about 20 inches to five feet. All that's needed now is some grading and seeding of the area around the pond, and the rehabilitation will be complete. But please, John cautions, no more ducks, or they'll be right back up to their ankles before you know it.

Send us your story ideas for the next GCCNews

Russell Powell, director of marketing and public relations, is soliciting story ideas for the January edition of *GCCNews*. Published as an insert to the *DCE Course Guide*, *GCCNews* is distributed free to 75,000 homes and businesses in western Massachusetts three times yearly, in January, April and August. The marketing and enrollment management committee serves as its editorial board.

The purpose of *GCCNews* is to highlight the major accomplishments of the college, its people and programs, to present college news to the community in a timely fashion, and to feature the work of the college's alumni/ae. Due to space constraints, a limited number of stories can be included in each issue, but all ideas will be given full consideration, and some may be held over for future issues.

If you have an idea for the January edition, please write a paragraph about it and send to Russell by Friday, October 8.

New parking regulations for the north entrance

A review of new parking and access regulations at the north end of the building (quiz to follow):

- The north parking lot is reserved for Handicapped/Disabled Parking only.
- Four spaces are being added across from the entrance to the parking lot for Special Parking Permits only. If the four spaces are filled, holders of Special Parking Permits shall park in the Faculty/Staff Lot F. At no time—unless the Special Permit so designates—will holders of

Special Parking Permits be allowed to park in Handicapped/Disabled spaces.

- Two spaces in the administrative parking lot are now designated for Field Service Parking. Individuals using those spaces should obtain permits from the Grouping I office.

- Parking in both Handicapped/Disabled and Special Parking Permit spaces is on a first-come, first-served basis.

- Information concerning handicapped/Disabled and Special Parking Permits may be obtained from the safety/security office (extension 212).

- Handicapped/Disabled and Special Parking Permit spaces in the Faculty/Staff Lot F will remain as it has been in the past.

- A special telephone unit has been installed at the north entrance which connects callers with security personnel on duty when the building is closed. This should not be used in lieu of an advance telephone call by staff desiring access after hours, but may assist those who are unable, for whatever reasons, to make advance arrangements. The unit reaches the security person on duty who will determine who the caller is and, if appropriate, arrange for the caller to enter the building.

Author Paula Rothenberg to speak on October 13

Paula Rothenberg, author of *Race, Class and Gender in the United States*, will conduct a workshop for faculty and professional staff on Wednesday, October 13. Rothenberg directs the New Jersey Project, the first statewide higher education curriculum transformation project, and is a professor of philosophy at William Paterson College.

The workshop will begin at noon at a location to be announced at a later date. Classes will be cancelled that afternoon.

Get thee to a gallery

There's still a little time if you haven't yet caught the exhibit of paintings and drawings by Michael Coblyn in the south gallery: it ends on Thursday, September 23.

Also on view this month, through Tuesday, September 28: paintings by Day Lee, in the gallery by the president's office

**Deadline for the next issue
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Monday, October 4
Send your news items
to Russell Powell**